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Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service
Contract 61 (MC2018-14)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2018-30

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO PRIORITY MAIL & FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE CONTRACT 61

(October 29, 2020)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to the Commission's Notice in this docket.¹ In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61.² The Postal Service's Notice includes a certified statement as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3015.5, a public (redacted) version of the Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 61, and supporting financial data estimating the contract value during the first year.

In Order No. 4202, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to add a new product identified as Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61 to the Competitive Product List.³ In Order No. 4577, the Commission approved the Postal

Notice Initiating Docket(s) for Recent Postal Service Negotiated Service Agreement Filings, October 22, 2020.
 USPS Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61, Filed Under Seal, October 21, 2020. (Notice)

³ See Order No. 4202, Order Adding Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61 to the Competitive Product List, Docket No. MC2018-14/CP2018-30, November 3, 2017.

Service's first request to amend Contract 61.⁴ The instant amendment deletes, replaces, and updates amends a variety of Sections. Attachment A at 1.

The effective date for the Amendment to Contract 61 is three (3) business days following the day on which the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approvals. *Notice* at 1. The expiration date of the Amendment is March 31, 2021. Attachment A at 2.

COMMENTS

The Public Representative has reviewed the Postal Service's Amendment to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61 and the financial data filed under seal with the Postal Service's Notice. Based upon that review, the Public Representative concludes that Contract 61, as amended, should continue to generate sufficient revenues to cover costs and thereby satisfy 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a) and thus should be approved by the Commission.

Finally, the Postal Service must file revenue and cost data for Contract 61 in future Annual Compliance Reports. This data will permit the Commission to annually review the financial results for Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61 in a future Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) report for compliance with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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⁴ See Order No. 4577, Order Approving Amendment One to Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 61, Docket No. MC2018-14/CP2018-30, April 16, 2018.

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